LEST WE FORGET.

As we are all from the ranks of Masonry, the Order is in some degree held responsible for our conduct as Shriners; for that reason, if for no other, we should be constantly on guard lest our excess of spirit, when indulging in the latitude given us by the Shrine, cause us to overstep the bounds of dignity and circumspection. We should at least present reserve to the world rather than try to impress the profane with the idea we are monstrous in our recreations and social amusements. There is nothing to be gained by creating such an impression, but much to lose in the respect of the world for that grand old Order we all delight to honor and uphold. *Classic.*

THE NATIONAL GAME.

To draw, or not to draw, that is the question. Whether 'tis safer in the player to take
The awful risk of skinning for a straight; or, standing pat, to raise 'em all the limit,
And thus bluffing, get it. To draw, to skin, no more, and by that skin to get a full,
Or two pair, of the fattest bouncin' kings that luck is heir to 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To draw, to skin, to skin, perchance to bust; aye, there's the rub!
For in that draw of three, what cards may come when we have shuffled off the uncertain pack,
Must give us pause. There's the respect which makes calamity of a bob-tailed flush.
For who would bear the overwhelming blind? The reckless straddle, that wait on the edge,
The insolence of pat-hands, and the lifts that patient merit of the bluffer takes,
When he himself might be much better off by simply passing? What would trays uphold,
And go out on a small progressive raise, but that the dread of something after the draw.
The undiscovered ace full, to whose strength such hands must bow, puzzles the will,
And makes us rather keep the chips we have than be curious about hands we know not of?
Thus bluffing doth make cowards of us all. And thus the native hue of a four-heart flush
Is sicklied with some dark and cursed club, and speculators in a jackpot's wealth—
With this regard, their interests turn away, and lose the right to open.

Official Divan for 1907.

John M. Hawley,	Illustrious Potentate
Charles D. Davis,	Chief Rabban
Lou P. Bristol,	Assistant Rabban
John J. Fisher,	High Priest and Prophet
Alva A. Hoag, M.D.	Oriental Guide
William H. Marigold,	Treasurer
E. Stewart Sumner,	Recorder

Appointed by the Potentate.

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Thomas H. Macdonald,	Director
George M. Baldwin,	Assistant Director
Augustus H. Bullard,	Assistant
William H. Gardner,	Assistant
Franklin A. Coester,	Assistant
Roderick P. Curtis,	Assistant
Angus H. MacKenzie,	Marshal
Julius W. Skidmore,	Captain of the Guard
Nelson E. Freshour	Outer Guard
Abram Heaton,	Pyrotechnist
Charles C. Godfrey,	Alchemist
	Interlocutor
James H. Macdonald,	Standard Bearer
George W. Roberts,	Musical Director
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Ancient Arabic Order

OF THE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

PYRAMID TEMPLE

OF

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Es Selamu Aleikum!

Illustrious Noble, Attend!

A SPECIAL Dispensation having been granted by Imperial Potentate Alva P. Clayton, of Kansas City, Mo., Petitions will be received and balloted upon, and the Order of the Shrine conferred at

DANBURY, CONN.,

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1907,

at a Special Ceremonial Session. Wear your dress suit, claws and fez—the regalia of a Shriner.

¶ The music for the occasion will be rendered by the famous Sphinx Temple Band, of Hartford, Conn.—all Shriners.

Proclamation!

IT having come to our ears that thirty nine congenial sons of the Desert, congregated in and about the City of Danbury, Conn., have grown weary of the burning sands of the plains, and humbly pray shelter under the protecting dome of our goodly Temple; and it further appearing that they are of fair conduct and good report, and have each consented to the Arab oath,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN M. HAWLEY, Potentate, do make this

DECREE.

Assemble in a bunch, all together, all on one, in the same place, and upon the appointed day, June 6th, ye members of Pyramid Temple do escort your Potentate and his Official Divan to the City of Danbury, Conn., there to initiate these aforesaid sons of the desert into the secret mysteries of our Ancient Order. Prepare the camels for the journey. Look well to the Nectar and Ambrosia. See that the rope is true and strong, and that the sands are heated to a record breaking point in the attitude of our Temple. Remodel and put in shape the death chair, that it may perform its usual kindly office to the sick and maimed. Let the Captain of the Arab Patrol call to his assistance, the strong young men of the Temple, that the victims may be handled with quickness and despatch. Oil and sharpen the instruments of torture, that these unregenerate ones may be interested in our ceremonies and not overcome with ennui. Get busy with preparations for the feast that awaits the children of the Prophet at the end of the journey. Pass the word freely among the dwellers of our Orient and among the strangers within our gates, that all may know hereof and obey this decree.

And the day shall be one of pleasure,
All care shall be cast aside;
Of joy you'll be given full measure,
As good fellowship will be at high tide.

The lunch-lit will glow in full splendor,
And the city will be yours for the night;
While the novices will burst a suspender,
And you will burst with delight.

The order of exercises will be as follows:—A short parade at 4 P. M. Banquet at the new Hotel Green at 6 P. M. Conferring the Order at the Connecticut National Guard Armory at 8 P. M., *sharp*.

☞ DON'T FORGET YOUR WHITE CARD FOR 1907. ☜

Place a 1 cent stamp on the enclosed postal and mail it at once (before May 25th, 1907, at the very latest), to Noble FRED B. DALTON, No. 10 Chapel Place, Danbury, Conn., in order to facilitate the work of the Banquet Committee, stating whether or not you will be in attendance.

THE DANBURY SLOGAN.

UP, UP! BUP UP!! PUP, PUP!!! (To be yelled rapidly.)

BENCH OF DANBURY AND OTHER COMMITTEES.

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R. B. Pearce.
F. A. Hull.
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J. E. Platt.
G. G. Scott, (Ridgefield).
C. M. Parker, (Torrington).
C. A. Perkins, (Bethel).
T. H. Smith, (Bethel).
C. H. Widmer.
Dr. J. A. Wade.
H. A. Wildman.
F. W. Hodge, (New Haven).
John McLean.
F. A. Lacey.
H. H. Hammond, (Syracuse, N. Y.)
L. K. Mansfield.
E. B. Harris.
T. W. Hinton.
H. W. Mansfield.
W. F. Ostrander.
C. B. Hatch, (New Fairfield).
E. E. Hamilton.
Dr. T. A. Hart.
Dr. W. A. Barnum.
George Kirk, Jr., (Ridgefield).
H. H. Fletcher, (Waterbury).
E. G. Durant, (Bethel).
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D. W. Elwell.
J. P. Erwin, (Roxbury).
Ezekial Eaton.
E. L. Dauchy.
T. B. Benjamin.
B. F. Douchly, (Ridgefield).
F. H. Dimond, (Bethel).
W. B. Benjamin.
Henry Bernd.
C. H. Brush, (Washington).
Charles S. Andrews, (New York City).
G. I. Abbott, (Ridgefield).
A. B. Blakeman, (Botsford).
F. H. Bennett, (Brewster).
W. M. Butler, (Hartford).
J. M. Beardsley, (New York City).
H. B. Coger, (Botsford).
B. Dexter.
A. H. Dimond, (Bethel).
J. L. Hibbart, (Ridgefield).
C. P. Hull.
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L. P. Miller, (Georgetown).
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N. R. Natale, (Middletown).
W. H. Oakley, (Yonkers, N. Y.)
J. E. Rogers.
F. H. Richmond, (Bethel).
A. H. Senior, (Bethel).
E. S. Sanford, (Philadelphia).
A. J. Smith.
Dr. E. A. Stratton.
O. H. Swift, (Bridgeport).
A. J. Todd, (West Redding).
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J. W. Turner.
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Banquet.

H. T. Farnam.
J. W. Porter.
F. B. Dalton.
C. W. Stevens.

Parade.

E. C. Dempsey.
C. Olin.
J. G. Irving.
Dr. H. H. Moore.
W. K. Wilson.

Decorations (Street).

G. W. Flint.
A. R. Jones.
C. B. Mason.
J. J. McNulty.
W. F. Tomlinson.

Decorations (Hall).

F. M. Scott.
F. F. Woodruff.
F. D. Tweedy.
F. A. Knapp.
F. F. Howard.

Patrol.

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G. W. Flint.

Candidates.

J. R. Booth.
C. R. Austin.
Dr. J. C. Downs.
Dr. D. C. Brown.
S. E. Downs.

Transportation.

C. I. Allen.
C. H. Taylor.
F. S. Blackburn.
J. A. Jemes, (Hawleyville).
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Music.

W. A. Braun.
G. L. Rockwell, (Ridgefield).
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G. L. Eastman.
F. A. Judd.

Halls.

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Pharaphernalia.

P. N. Sunderland. E. Gerry.
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D. J. Osborne.

Masonic Temple.

N. T. Buckley. G. F. Austin.
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S. H. Fanton.

Parade Features.

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L. L. Valden, (Ridgefield).
Dr. R. W. Dow, (Ridgefield).
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D. E. David.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE.

Arrangements have been made with the New Haven Road for a fare and a half rate (full fare to Danbury, one-half fare return) for Shriners from any part of the State. The half-fare for the return trip can be secured through a certificate that will be issued by the recorder, E. Stewart Sumner, in Danbury, on the day the Shrine is there. On presentation of this certificate at the Danbury ticket office the holder will be sold a ticket at one-half the regular fare. It is necessary to buy the ticket at the ticket office; if this is not done full fare will be collected on the train.

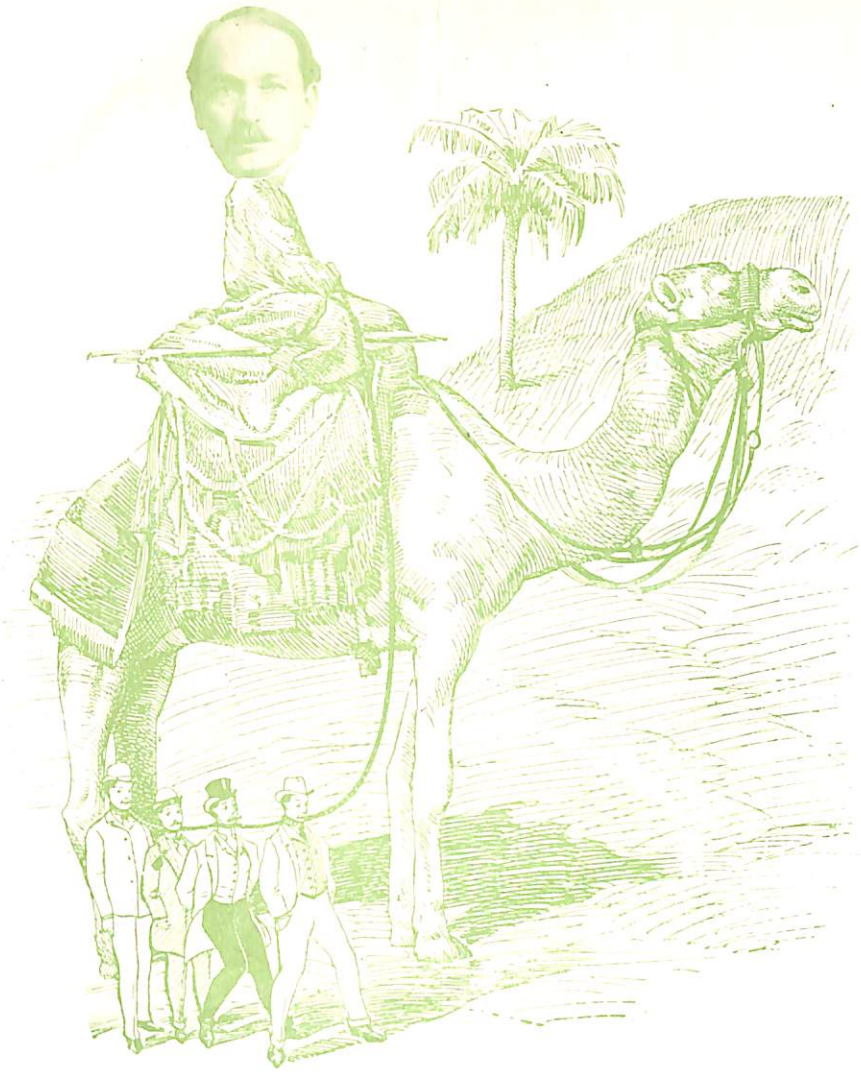
For the further convenience of those who will go to Danbury arrangements have been made for a special train from Bridgeport to Danbury and return. This train will leave Bridgeport for Danbury, via Brookfield Junction, about 2.45 P. M., or on the arrival in Bridgeport of the train leaving New Haven at 2.10, and returning will leave Danbury about 11 P. M., connecting at Bridgeport with the 12.30 to New Haven and Hartford, and with the 12.35 to South Norwalk and Stamford. The rate on the special will be 98 cents from Bridgeport to Danbury and return.

Shriners from other points than Bridgeport will get the best rate by using the fare and a half arrangement. Thus, the round trip will cost the New Haven Shriners $1.58—regular fare to Danbury ($1.05), one-half fare returning (53 cents) on presentation of certificate.

Shriners from Hartford will take the 12.45 P. M. train on the Highland Division, arriving in Danbury at 3.15. Fare to Danbury $1.25. One-half fare (90 cents) returning by special train by way of Bridgeport and New Haven.

Shriners from Stamford, South Norwalk, and intermediate stations, will take the train leaving Stamford at 12.56 P. M., South Norwalk at 1.25, arriving in Danbury at 2.20. Regular fare to Danbury, and half fare returning, going by way of Bridgeport on special.

The Candidate came
And gave his name
And paid his initiation,
Then, with shrieks and groans
They smashed his bones,
This benevolent organization.



TO THE KNOCKERS! If There Are Any.

The following "pome" is mercifully dedicated:

ANY FOOL CAN KNOCK.

Don't criticise your neighbors' faults, no matter what they do.
Don't ridicule the masses, or malign the chosen few.
Don't think yourself a censor for the silly human flock,
And just remember as you go, that any fool can knock.

Don't laugh at those who make mistakes and stumble on the way,
For you are apt to follow them—and almost any day.
Don't think the others shifting sand, while you are solid rock,
And don't forget, for heaven's sake, that any fool can knock.

Don't be a puller down of fame on other men conferred,
Don't give a parting kick to one who fell because he erred.
Don't think that you are perfect and the only size in stock,
And now, once more, just bear in mind, that any fool can knock.

We'll let you ride the camel when you get too sore to walk;
And several other pleasant things of which we must not talk.
There'll be sand for slippery places, and ice to use when hot;
There'll be Zem Zem for the thirsty—something else for him that's not.
There'll be salve for corns and bunions; there'll be antidotes for blues;
And a membership receipt card for those who pay their dues.